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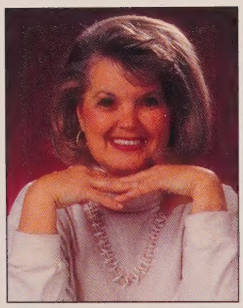

Hurry! Get in on the latest fashion rage and have all kinds of fun making beaded wire jewelry...necklaces, bracelets, earrings and hair accessories.

To get started, just gather wire in various gauges, assorted beads and a few tools including a nifty little wire jig that you can purchase or make yourself following our easy instructions.

Once you make your first piece, you'll be hooked. ***"Wire Links & Chain Jewelry"*** *is your guide to a world of creative fun and fabulous fashion!*

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SUPPLIERS: Most craft and variety stores carry an excellent assortment of wire and beads. If you need something special, ask your local store to contact the following companies.
Artistic Wire, 1210 Harrison, La Grange Park, IL 60526
Beadalon, 205 Carter Dr., West Chester, PA 19382
The Beadery, PO Box 178, Hope Valley, RI 02832
Darice, 21160 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH 44136
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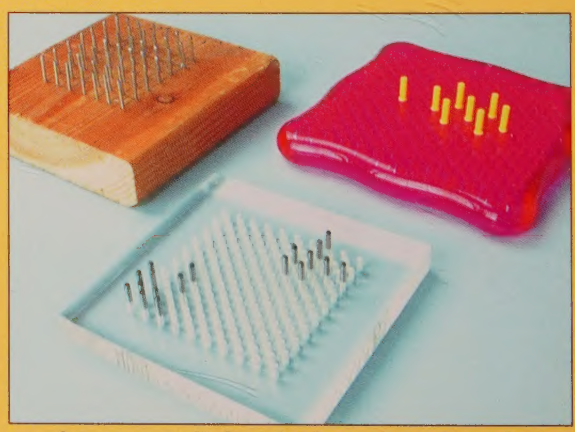
Wire Jewelry

Wire Gauge. Wire comes in a variety of sizes or gauges. The larger the diameter the smaller the gauge, 20 gauge wire is larger and stronger than 26 gauge wire. Twist 2 or 3 pieces of wire together to make a stronger wire. The wire used in this book is Silver 20 gauge. After being wrapped on a spool, wire will have a natural curve. Loops, coils and spirals are more even and easier to make if they are shaped in the same direction as the curve. Paper clips may be substituted for short pieces of wire.

Tools. Proper use of needle nose, wire cutter, round nose and blunt nose jewelry pliers make shaping wire easy. Do not mark or scratch wire while shaping. Jewelry pliers are smooth and will not damage wire. An assortment of dowels, skewers and crochet needles are useful for shaping wire coils. Use a small file to smooth sharp or rough wire ends. Pin-vises make twisting wire easy. Attach a pin-vise to each end of 2 or more wires and twist in opposite directions. The result is a smooth, straight twisted wire.



Jigs. A jig will accurately duplicate shapes. Several jigs, small enough to use in jewelry making, are available. However, homemade jigs work just as well. Simply draw a graph or design on a block of wood, hammer nails in place and cut off nail heads.

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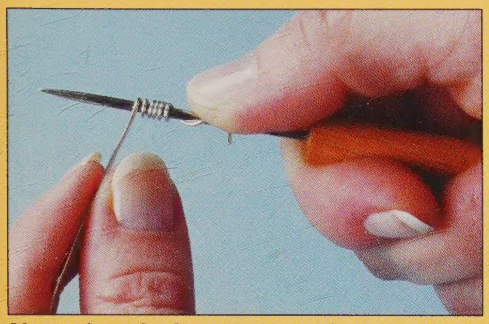
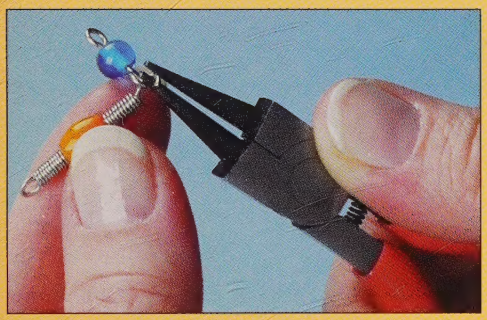
Basics

Coils



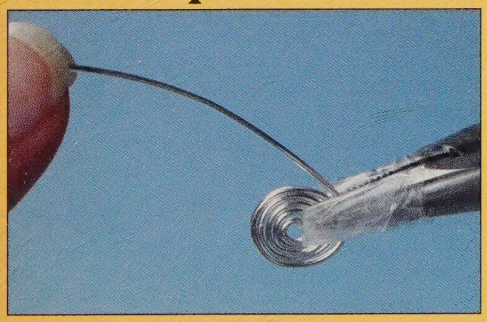
Use a dowel, skewer or crochet needle to make a coil of wire resembling a tube. Hold dowel in one hand. Press wire against dowel with thumb and use other hand to wrap wire around dowel. Place each wrap against the previous wrap.

Bead Units



Bead units may be as simple as a bead on wire with a loop on each end or as detailed as loops and wrapped wire on either side of a bead. Bead units add color and are used as links or connectors between shapes.

Spirals



A spiral is a basic shape used in wire jewelry. Several spirals may be linked to form a bracelet or necklace or to add a flourish to the end of a wire.

To make a spiral, form a loop with round nose pliers. Grasp loop with blunt nose pliers. Turn pliers, holding wire flat with fingers.

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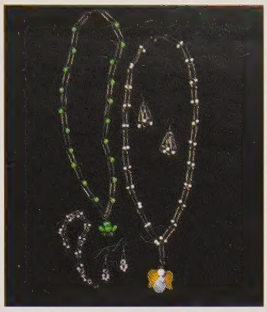

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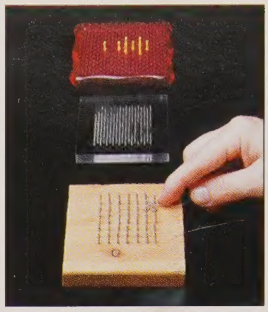

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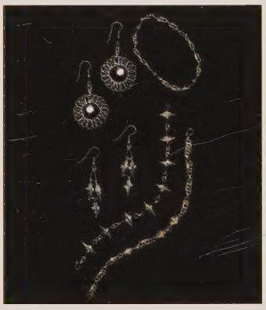

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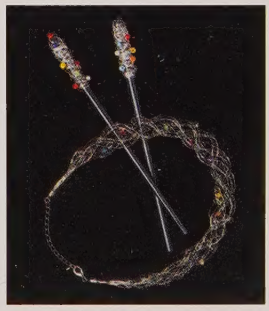

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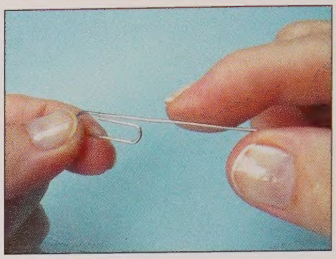

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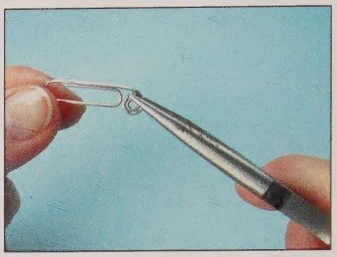
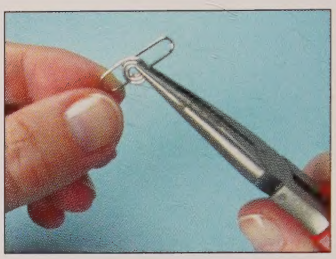


2. Use round nose pliers to shape a small loop and blunt nose pliers to make spiral.

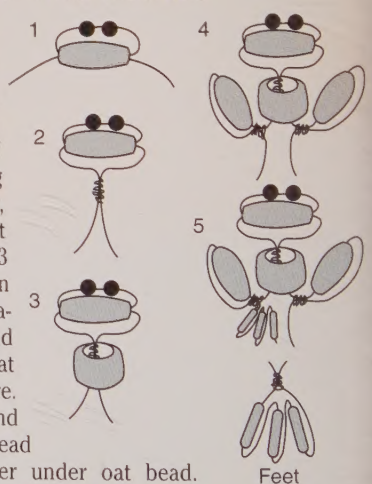


3. Continue until spiral is centered on paper clip.

Frog Necklace

MATERIALS: 23 Silver 1⅛" paper clips • 20 gauge wire • Silver 6mm jumpring • Neon Green pony bead • 3 Neon Green 9 x 6mm oat beads • 20 Neon Green 6mm beads • 6 Green bugle beads • 2 Black 3mm beads

INSTRUCTIONS: Center 2 Black 3mm beads on 14" of wire. Thread wire ends through opposite ends of oat bead. Bring wires together, center under oat bead. Twist 3 times. Thread on pony bead. Separate wires and bend to sides. Thread oat bead on each wire. Bring wires around outside of oat bead and twist together under oat bead. Bend wire in a zig zag placing a bugle bead on every other fold. Make 3 toes on each foot. Tuck wire ends into pony bead. Thread one 6mm bead on 20 paper clips. Slip bottom of one clip over center of another connecting 10 clips for each side of necklace. Place an unbeaded clip on each side. Cut center loop of one clip away. Make hook clasp from center portion and S hook from remainder. Attach hook to end of chain. Attach S hook to frog. Attach 2 chains with jumpring. Use S hook to attach frog to jumpring.



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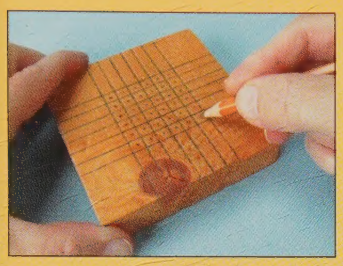
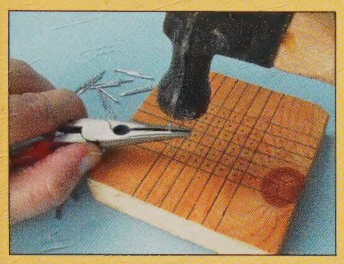
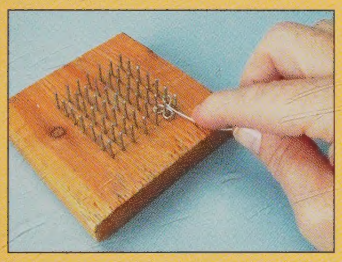


1. Draw a ¼" grid on 3" square of wood. Place dot in center of each square.

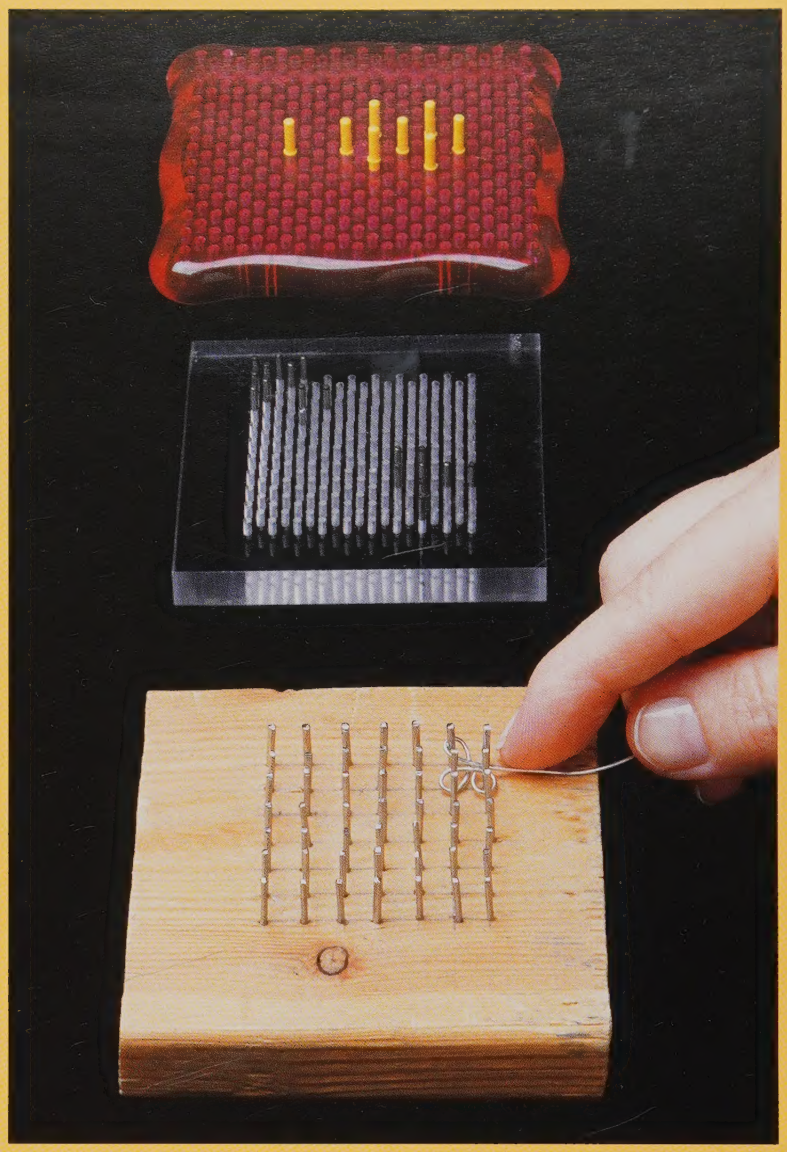


2. Hammer a small nail at 4 corners and each dot.

3. Cut off heads leaving ⅜" of nail. Smooth cut ends with file.

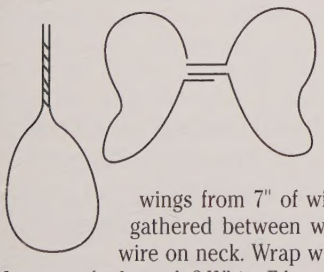


4. To use jig, wind around nails following individual patterns.



Angel Necklace

MATERIALS: 24 Silver 1⅛" Silver paper clips • 20 gauge Silver wire • 46 White Pearl and 46 Gold E beads • White 10mm large hole bead. • Gold and White nylon hose • Needle and thread



INSTRUCTIONS: Form ⅞" teardrop from 6" of wire. Twist wire 3 times at point. Cover with 1" circle of White hose. Thread 10mm bead on ends. Place bead over gathered edges of hose. Separate ends. Bend a loop on one end and circle halo on other end. Glue bead. Shape wings from 7" of wire. Cover with 1" x 2" oval of Gold hose gathered between wings. Place angel on wings. Center 4" of wire on neck. Wrap wire to back, over wings and back to front. Insert ends through 2 White E beads from opposite sides. Cut wire ends flush with beads, glue. Thread 2 Gold E beads on one end of paper clip. Use loop to attach angel to paper clip. Thread 2 Gold and 2 White E beads on 22 paper clips. Place Gold beads at one end and White beads on other end. To make chain, slip bottom of one paper clip over center portion of another. Attach 11 paper clips to angel for each side of necklace. To make hook clasp, cut center loop from paper clip, bend hook and attach to chain.

Gold & White Earrings

MATERIALS: 6 Silver 1⅛" paper clips • 6 Gold and 6 White E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: Thread a Gold and a White bead on each paper clip. Place a bead on inside loop and one on outside loop. Open bottom loop on ear wire. Thread 3 beaded clips on each ear wire. Close loop.

Pink Bead Bracelet

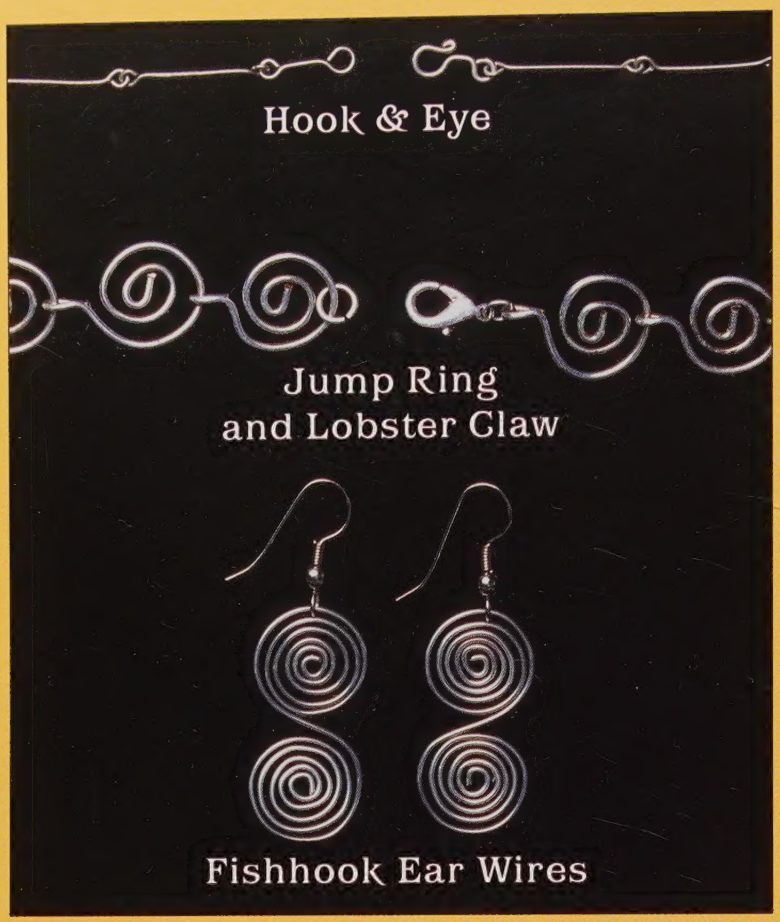
MATERIALS: 10 Silver 1⅛" paper clips • 18 Pink E beads

INSTRUCTIONS: Make 9 spiral paper clips. Thread 2 beads on each clip. Thread one clip on another. Connect 9 clips. Cut center loop from remaining clip. Make hook clasp. Use remainder of clip to make S hook. Attach hooks.

Pink Bead Earrings

MATERIALS: 2 Silver 1⅛" paper clips • 10 Pink E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: Make 2 spiral paper clips. Thread 5 beads on each. Thread on ear wires.



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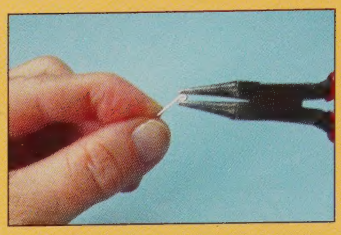
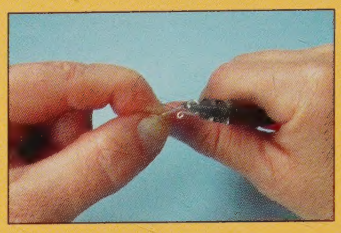
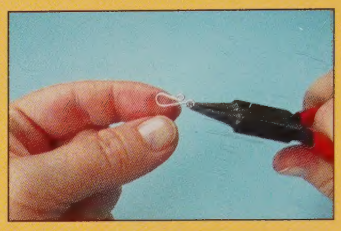


1. Bend one end of a 1⅜" piece of wire over and press close to wire.

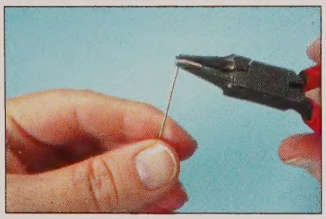


2. Position wire halfway down shank of round nose pliers. Bend wire over shank.

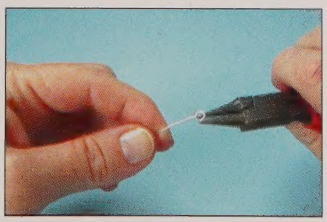


3. Bend loop in other wire end.

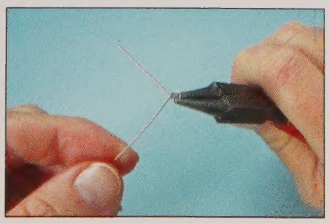
Loops



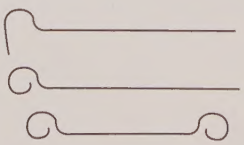
1. Using round nose pliers, bend down ⅜" of wire.



2. Grasp wire end with pliers and roll down.



3. Close loop after attaching it to bracelet or necklace. Repeat on the other end.



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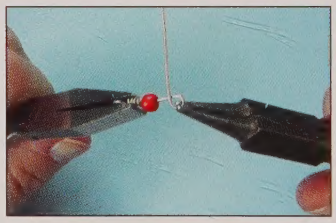
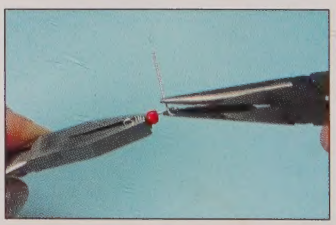
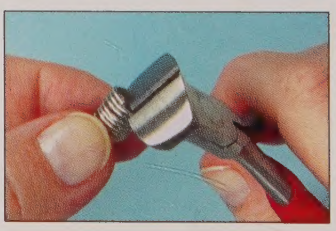


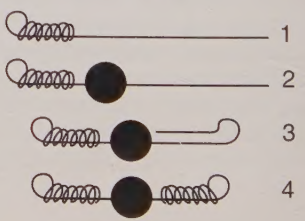
1. Form loop 1¼" from end of 3" wire.



2. Wrap wire tail around wire 5 times. Cut end flush with wire.



3. Thread bead on wire. Bend a loop ¼" from bead. Wrap tail around wire 5 times. Cut end flush with wire. Straighten loops if necessary.



Royal Blue Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 13 Royal Blue E beads

INSTRUCTIONS: Make a bead unit with one E bead. Make a second bead unit but thread wire through first unit before closing loop on second unit. Continue in this manner making 13 units. Make a hook clasp and attach to end of bracelet.

Royal Blue Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire •8 Royal Blue E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring make 3 bead units connected end to end. Make fourth bead unit but thread wire through end loops of first and third units before closing loop of fourth unit. Open loop on ear wire. Thread fourth bead unit on ear wire. Close loop.

Crystal Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 4 Crystal 6mm beads • 4 Silver seed beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, make a bead unit with one Crystal bead and 2 seed beads. Open loop on ear wire. Thread bead unit on ear wire. Close loop. Bend a loop in end of 2" wire ½" from loop, bend wire at right angle. Thread on Crystal bead. Bend wire up at right angle. Bend loop in end. Open loops and attach drop to bead unit.

Green Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 10 Green 4mm beads • 2 Silver head pins • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, follow diagram and use jig and wire to make 3 zig zag pieces. Make two ½" and two ⅝" bead units. Thread ear wire on small zig zag piece. Connect small and medium zig zag with two ½" bead units. Connect medium and large zig zag with two ⅝" bead units. Thread bead on head pin. Cut head pin leaving ⅞". Bend loop in end of head pin. Attach to center of medium zig zag. Close loops on zig zag.

Crystal Necklace

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 5 Crystal 6mm beads • 10 Silver seed beads

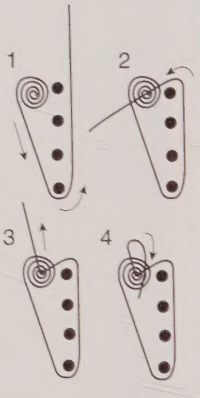
INSTRUCTIONS: Make 5 bead units with one Crystal bead and 2 seed beads. Make 12 loops from 1⅜" pieces of wire. Bend a loop on each end leaving ⅝" of straight wire. Connect all pieces placing one link between bead units and 5 links on each side of necklace. Make hook clasp and attach to end of necklace.

Triangles

Triangle & Spiral Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each triangle, spiral end of a 3" wire. Following instructions, place wire on jig and bend triangle. Bend wire end up and over spiral forming a loop. Use loops to connect 11 triangles. Form hook clasp and attach to last triangle.



Green Bead Triangle Necklace

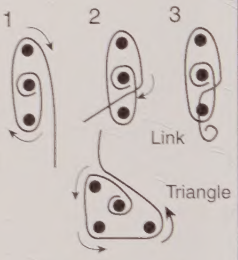
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Green 4mm beads • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: Following instructions, make 12 triangles. Form loop at end of each triangle. Attach 4 triangles. Make 3 sets of 4. Make 2 links using 1½" pieces of wire and one bead. Bend a loop on each end leaving ¾" of wire between loops. Attach one link between sets of triangles. Bend hook clasp and attach to end of necklace.

Gold Bead Triangle Necklace

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Gold 6mm glass bead • Jig

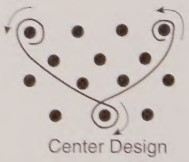
INSTRUCTIONS: Following instructions, make center wire design on jig. To make dangle, spiral end of 2" piece of wire. Thread on bead. Form loop and attach to center design. Make 46 links on jig. Use loop on each link to connect 23 links on each side of necklace and to attach center design. Make 10 triangles. Bend loop in end of triangles. Use loop to attach 5 triangles to each side of necklace. Bend hook clasp and S hook. Attach to chain ends.



Triangle & Spiral Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Gold 6mm beads • 4 Silver seed beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

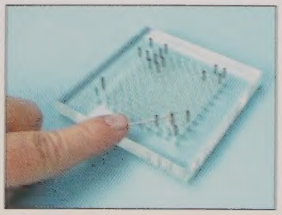
INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, spiral end of a 3" wire. Following instructions, place coiled wire on jig and bend triangle. Bend end of wire up and over coil forming loop. Make 2 bead units with wire, one 6mm bead and 2 seed beads. Use loop on triangle to connect triangle and bead unit. Open loop on ear wire. Thread on bead unit. Close loop.



Yellow Bead Triangle Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Yellow 6mm and 4 Yellow 4mm beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, follow instructions to make triangle on jig. Attach to ear wire. Cut one 2" and two 1¼" pieces of wire. Spiral one end of each wire. Thread 6mm bead on 2" wire and 4mm beads on 1¼" wires. Form loop in end of wires. Attach to triangle.



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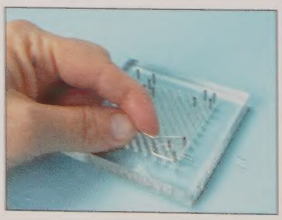
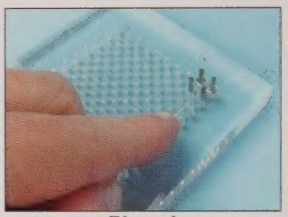


2. Bend wire around 3 nails forming triangle. Bend wire end up at a 90° angle.

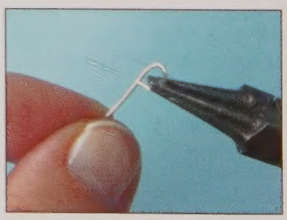
Clover Leaf



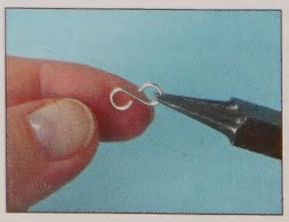
1. Bend loop in end of a 3" wire. Choose 4 nails on jig that form a square. Place loop around upper left nail. Bring wire down through center and wrap around lower left nail. Remove from jig.

2. Turn wire loops over and place back on jig in same position. Wrap wire around upper right nail. Bring wire down through center and wrap around lower right nail. Cut away excess wire.

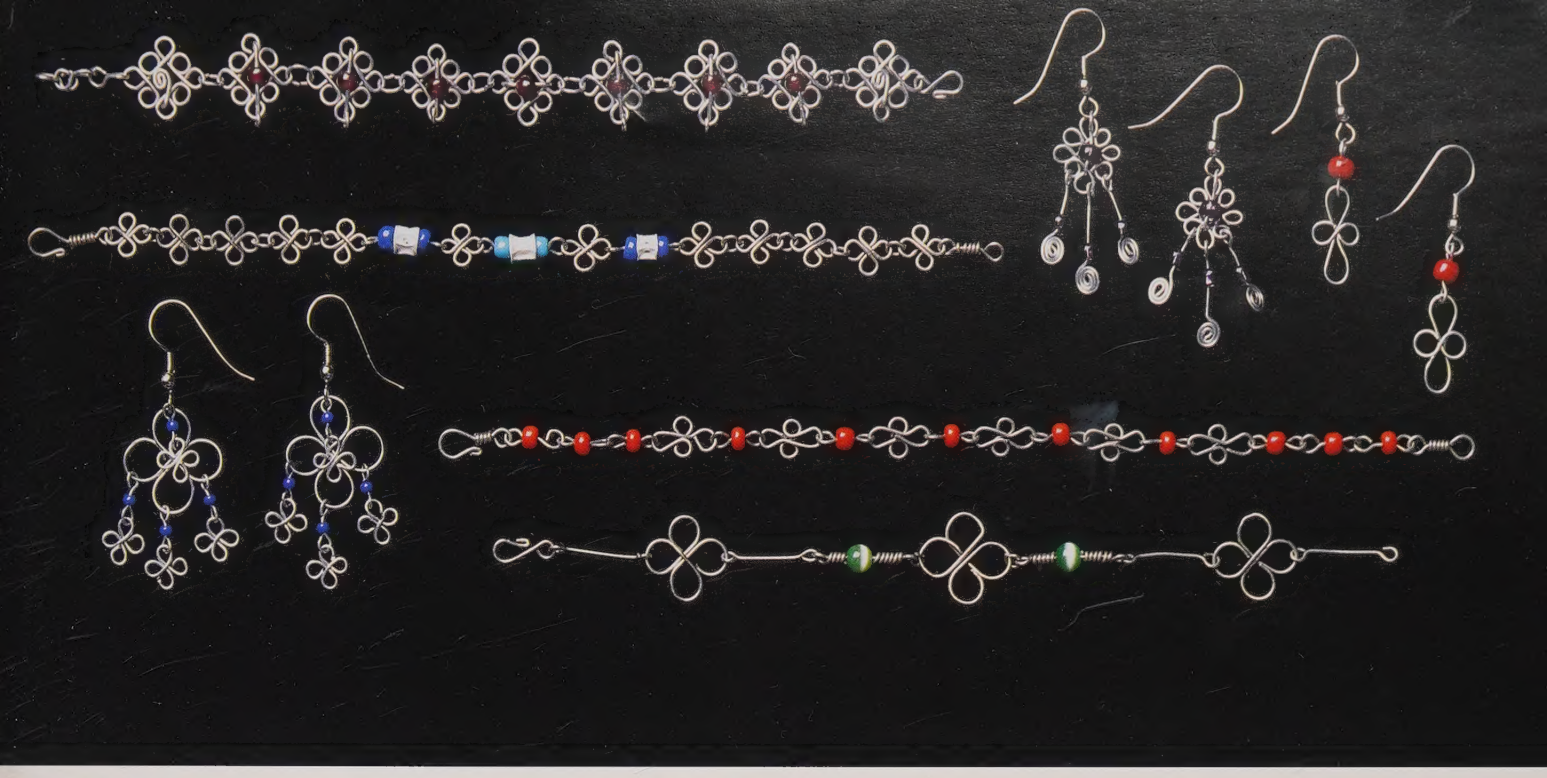
S-Hook



1. Bend loop in end of a 1" wire.



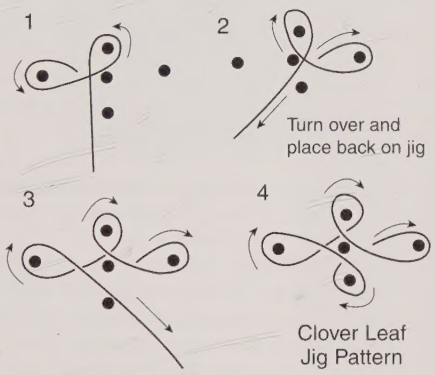
2 At other end, bend loop in opposite direction.



Red Bead & Clover Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 11 Red E beads • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 6 elongated clover leaf shapes using 3½" of wire and jig. Make 11 S hooks from 1" pieces of wire. Place bead on S hook before bending second loop. Connect clover leaf shapes placing one S hook between each clover leaf. Attach 3 S hooks to each end of bracelet. Make a hook clasp and an unbeaded S hook. Attach to ends.



Red Bead & Clover Earrings

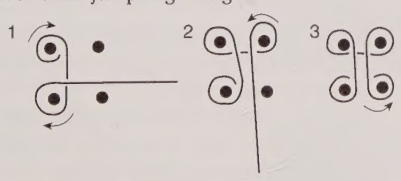
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Red E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, follow diagram and make an elongated clover leaf using 1" of wire and jig. Make S hook from 1" of wire and one Red bead. Thread clover leaf on S hook. Open loop on ear wire. Thread S hook on ear wire. Close loop.

Blue & Turquoise Clover Leaf Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 4 Royal Blue and 2 Turquoise E beads • 3 White spacer beads • 8 Silver 6mm jumprings • Jig

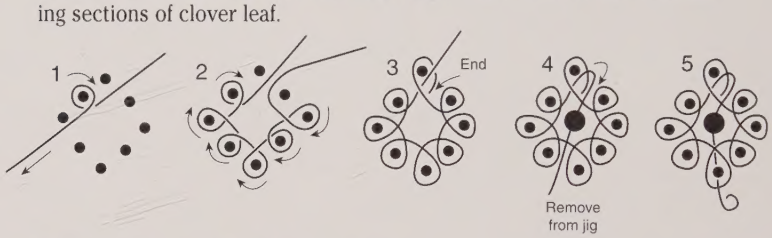
INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 12 clover leaf shapes using 3" pieces of wire and jig. Cut three 1¼" pieces of wire. Bend loop in end. Thread 2 beads and a spacer on each wire. Shape loop in other end. Alternate and connect 4 clover leaf shapes and 3 bead units. Use jumprings to attach 4 more clover leaf shapes to each end of bracelet. Make hook clasp and S hook. Attach to ends.



Blue Bead & Clover Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge • 8 Royal Blue seed beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, use ½" of wire and one seed bead to make four S hooks. Thread bead on S hook before making last loop. Use round nose pliers to make four ⅜" wide clover leaf shapes. Connect S hook to each ⅜" clover leaf. Using 3" of wire and jig, make one ¾" wide clover leaf shape for each earring. Open loop of ear wire. Thread on large clover leaf and one S hook. Close loop. Attach an S hook to the 3 remaining sections of clover leaf.



Double Clover Leaf Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 7 Purple E beads • 8 Silver 6mm jumprings • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose 8 nails on jig that form a square. Measure ½" from one end of a 7" piece of wire and form a loop. Place wire on jig. Loop wire around nails moving counter clockwise. Cut wire after last loop. Remove from jig. Bring beginning wire tail up through last loop. Fold tail toward center. Thread on bead. Thread tail down through bottom loop. Bend tail up and over edge of shape forming a loop. Make 7 double clover leaf shapes with beads. Make 2 double clover leaf shapes without beads, instead spiral wire tail and bend over to cover center. Use loop on each clover leaf to connect them. Make hook clasp and 2 S hooks. Attach clasp to one end and S hooks to other end.

Double Clover Leaf Earrings

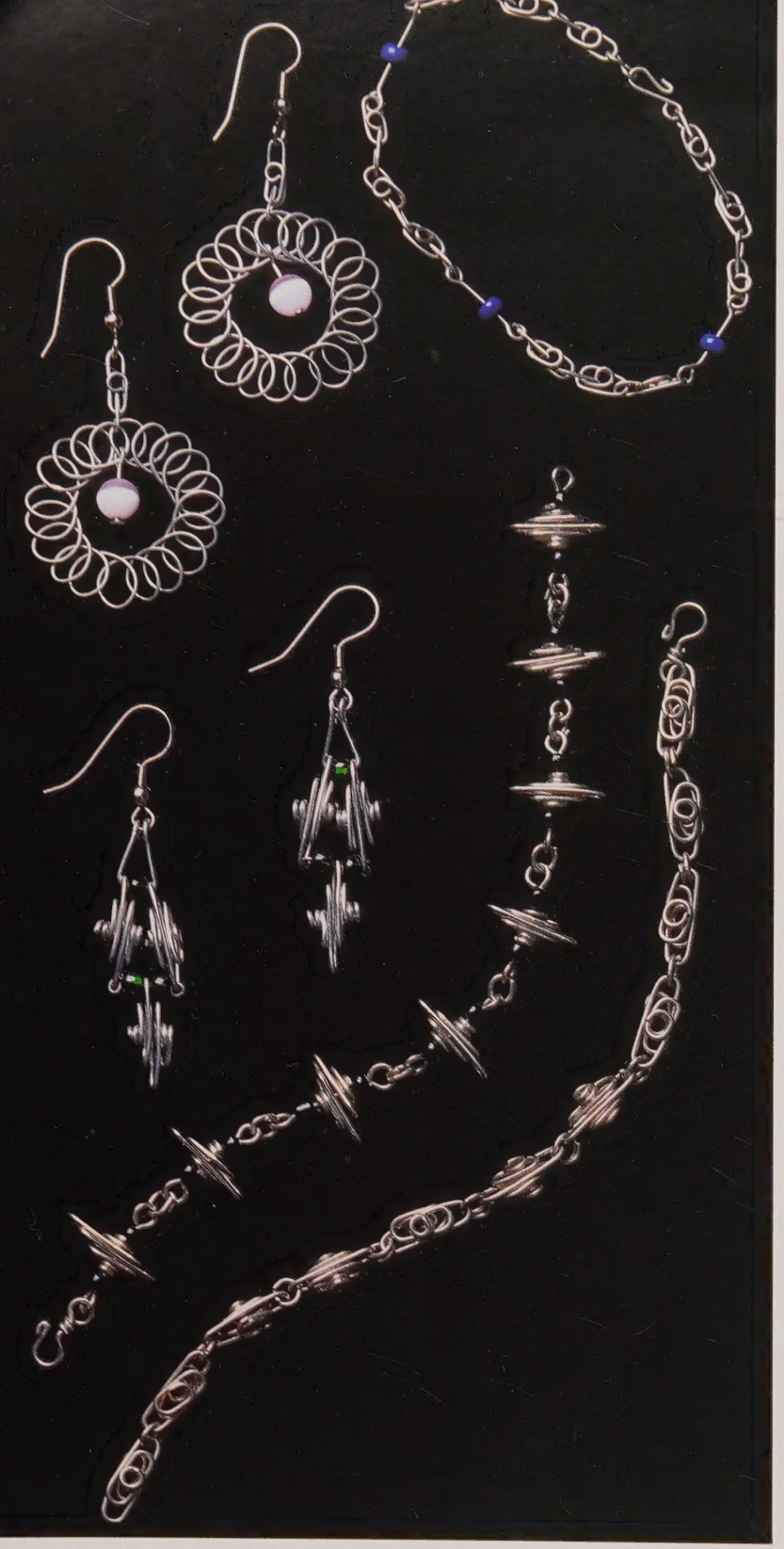
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 8 Purple E Beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, use 7" of wire and jig to make a double clover leaf with bead. Use loop on clover leaf to attach ear wire. Cut one 1¾" and two 1½" pieces of wire. Coil one end of each wire. Thread on beads and form loop in other end. Attach to clover leaf.

Three Clover Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Green 6mm beads • 2 Silver 4mm jumprings • Jig

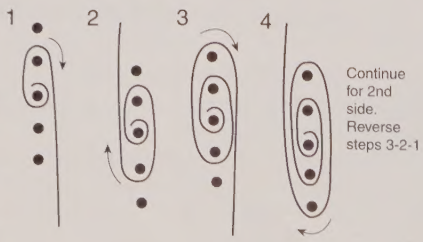
INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 3 Clover Leaf shapes using 3" of wire and jig. Make two bead units from 3" pieces of wire and one bead. Make 4 links from 1½" of wire. Bend loops on both ends of link. Starting at the center of bracelet, use jumprings to connect a bead unit on each side of a clover leaf. Attach remaining pieces to each side in the following order: link, clover leaf, and link. Make hook clasp. Attach to end.



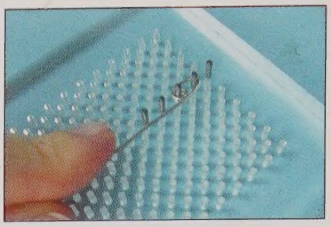
Stacked Black Bead Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 16 Black E beads • 7 Silver 6mm jumprings • Jig

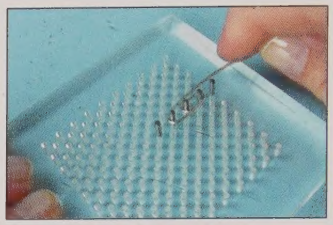
INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 8 stacked links using 7" piece of wire and jig. Form loop in one end of eight 1½" pieces of wire. Thread bead stacked loop, and bead onto each wire. Bend loop in wire ends. Use jumpring to connect the 8 units. Form hook clasp and attach to end of bracelet.



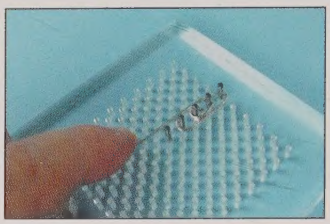
Stacked Links



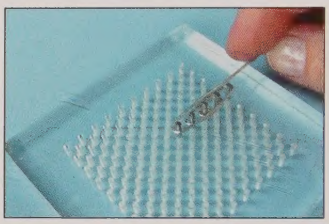
1. Bend loop in end of a 7" wire. Wrap wire around tip of round nose pliers twice. Use 5 nails in a row on jig. Place loops on third nail. Bend wire up and around second nail. Bend wire down.



2. Wrap wire around fourth nail. Stack wire on top of previous wraps. Bend wire up.



3. Wrap wire around first nail. Bend wire down.

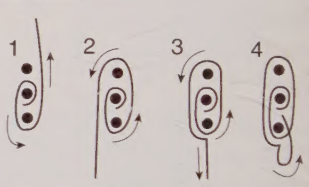


4. Wrap wire around fifth nail. Bend wire up. Beginning with step #3 repeat steps in reverse order to make second side of link. Continue stacking wire.

Stacked Link Blue Bead Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 3 Royal Blue E Beads • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 12 links using 4" pieces of wire. On each link bend wire up and over edge ending at center of link. Cut three 1" pieces of wire. Bend loop in end of each wire. Thread one bead on each wire. Bend loop in other end of wires. Using loops on links, connect links in sets of 3. Attach a bead unit between sets of links. Make hook clasp and S hook. Attach to ends.



Coiled Circle Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 pink 6mm beads • 2 Silver head pins • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig • ¼" dowel

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, wrap wire around dowel 21 times, remove. Separate coils, press flat, shape circle. Make stacked link using 4" of wire and jig, thread loop through circle catching both ends of wire. Open ear wire loop, thread on link, close. Cut ⅝" head pin, thread on bead, make loop and attach to circle.

Stacked Link Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 6 Green E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, make 3 stacked links. Form loop in end of a 1½" wire. Bend into a triangle with ½" sides. Thread triangle through top of 2 links and one E bead. Bend loop in end of triangle. Attach loops of triangle to ear wire. Form small loop in end of 1" wire. Thread wire through bottom of first attached link. Thread wire through 2 beads and top of one link. Thread wire through bottom of second attached link. Form loop in wire end.

Stacked Link Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 10 Silver 6mm jumprings • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram, make 11 stacked links. Use jumprings to connect links. Make hook clasp and attach to end of bracelet.

Spirals

Two Spiral Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: Beginning at end of a 12" wire, make a loose spiral leaving 6" of wire uncoiled. At other end of wire, spiral wire in the opposite direction. Open ear wire loop. Thread spiral on loop. Close loop.

Nine Spiral Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver lobster claw clasp • Silver 6mm jumpring

INSTRUCTIONS: Make 9 loose spirals using 5" pieces of wire. Leave ½" of wire uncoiled at end. Bend that ½" of wire at a right angle and form a loop. Use loops to connect spirals. Attach clasp and jumpring to ends.

Blue Bead Spiral Necklace

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 21 Blue 4mm beads

INSTRUCTIONS: Following diagram make 12 spirals using 6" pieces of wire. Leave 1" uncoiled at end. Form loop close to spiral. Bend wire tail around edge of spiral. Form loop in wire end. Cut twenty-one ¾" pieces of wire. Bend loop in end of each one. Thread on bead. Form loop in end of wires. Connect pieces placing a bead unit between each spiral. Attach 5 bead units on each end of necklace. Make hook clasp and S hook. Attach to ends of necklace.

Green Bead Spiral Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 5 Lime Green E beads

INSTRUCTIONS: Make 5 spirals. For each one, spiral 6" of wire leaving 1" uncoiled at end. Form loop close to spiral. Bend wire tail across back of spiral. Form loop in wire end. Cut five 1" pieces of wire. Form loop in one end. Thread on bead. Make loop in other end. Connect pieces alternating bead units and spirals. Make hook clasp and attach to end.

Green Bead Spiral Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Lime Green E beads • 2 Silver head pins • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

INSTRUCTIONS: Following pictures, make 2 spirals. Use 9" of wire for each one leaving 2" uncoiled at end. Form loop close to spiral. Bend wire tail across back of spiral. Form a loop in wire end. For each earring, cut head pin to ⅞". Thread on bead. Form loop in end. Bend 2" of wire in half. Spiral one end clockwise and other counter clockwise. Open end loop on large spiral. Thread on bead unit and double spiral, close loop. Open loop on ear wire, thread on spiral. Close loop.

Three Spiral Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires

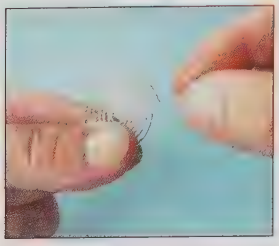
INSTRUCTIONS:

For each earring bend a loop at center of 6" piece of wire. Form 2 spirals, that face each other, in wire ends. Form spiral in end of a 3½" wire leaving 1½" of wire uncoiled. Bend wire tail at a right angle. Form loop at end of wire tail. Open ear wire loop. Thread single and double spirals on ear wire. Close loop.

1. Use round nose pliers to form a small loop in end of wire.

2. Grasp loop with blunt nose pliers. Turn pliers holding wire flat with fingers of other hand. Spirals may be tight or loose.

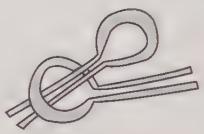
Hammered Wire

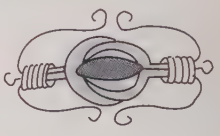


1. Bend wire shape.

2. Cover anvil with paper towel. Place wire shape on anvil and tap with a hammer Do not hammer wire tails.

Orange Bead Bracelet





MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Orange 8mm bead • Small skewer • Jig • Anvil • Hammer

INSTRUCTIONS: Shape a ½" circle at the center of two 6" pieces of wire. Bring wire tails together and hammer circles. Thread tails of one circle down through second circle interlocking the two. Wire tails should point in opposite directions. Coil two 4" wires on skewer. Thread one coil on each set of wire tails and push against circles. Bend wire tails to each side and shape. Make a loose spiral in ends. Thread bead on 2" wire. Center bead and wire on top of interlocked circles. Thread ends of wire through coils on each side bend back toward center bead. Form loops in wire ends close to coils. Following diagram, make 4 clover leaves using 3" pieces of wire. Cut six 1¼" wires. Form loops in both ends of each wire. On each side of bracelet, connect pieces alternating links and clover leaves. Make hook clasp and attach to end of bracelet.

Hammered Heart Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Orange 6mm beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Hammer • Anvil

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, bend 2" piece of wire in half. Use blunt nose pliers to loosely spiral ends toward each other. Shape heart. Loosely spiral 2" of wire leaving ½" of wire uncoiled. Bend wire tail at right angle. Hammer heart and coil. Wrap wire through coils at top of heart. Form loop in end and attach heart to coil. Thread bead on end of wire coil. Form loop and attach earring to ear wire.

Hammered Triangle Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 10 Turquoise, 6 Black and 4 Red seed beads • 2 Silver head pins • Hammer • Anvil • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, refer to photo to make triangle using wire and jig. Hammer triangle. Form loop in one end of ¾" piece of wire. Thread on 3 seed beads. Form loop in other end. Use bead unit to connect triangle and ear wire. Thread 7 beads on head pin. Cut head pin ⅜" from beads. Form loop and attach to bead unit.

Blue Bead Bracelet

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Blue oval bead • Small skewer • Jig •Anvil • Hammer

INSTRUCTIONS: Shape a ½" circle at the center of two 6" pieces of wire. Bring wire tails together and hammer circles. Thread tails of one circle down through second circle interlocking the two. Wire tails should point in opposite directions. Coil two 4" wires on skewer. Thread one coil on each set of wire tails and push against circles. Bend wire tails to each side and shape a curve ending with a loop. Thread bead on 2" wire. Center bead and wire on top of interlocked circles. Thread ends of wire through coils on each side. Bend wires back toward center bead. Form loops in wire ends close to coils. Make 12 stacked links using 4" pieces of wire. Following diagram, make 2 clover leaf shapes using 3" pieces of wire. On each side of bracelet, connect 3 links, clover leaf and 3 links. Make hook clasp and attach to end of bracelet.

Hammered Bow Tie Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 20 Red seed beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Hammer • Anvil • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, use a 2⅝" piece of wire and shape on jig. Hammer shape. Cut three 1½" pieces of wire. Hammer one end of each wire. Thread 3 beads on each dangle. Form loop in other end. Use loop to attach dangles to shape. Form loop in one end of ⅝" piece of wire. Thread on seed bead. Form loop in other end. Use bead unit to attach earring to ear wire.

Hammered Spiral Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Blue 8mm beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Hammer • Anvil

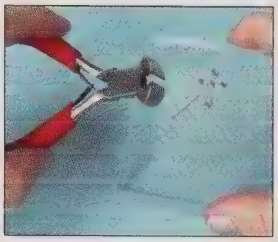
INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, loosely spiral 12" of wire leaving ¾" of wire uncoiled on the end. Bend wire tail at a right angle. Hammer coil. Thread bead on wire tail. Bend loop in wire. Use loop to attach spiral to ear wire.

Crosses

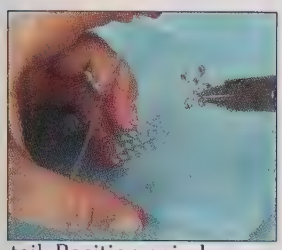
1. Form loop 1" from end of a 5" wire. Place on jig.

2. Wrap long tail around left nail.

3. Turn over and place back on jig. Wrap wire around bottom nail.



4. Wrap wire around left nail. Cut off excess wire.



5. Turn cross over and make tight spiral in 1" wire tail. Position spiral over center of cross.

Large Cross Pendant

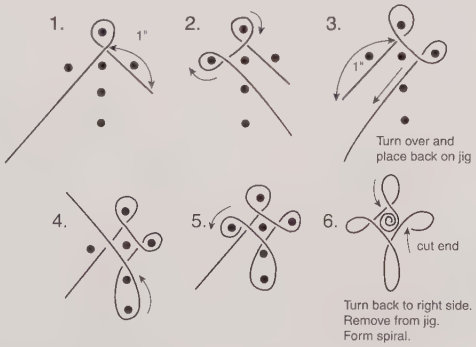
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Teardrop shaped Pink stone • Silver 6mm jumpring • 18" of Black 3mm leather cord • Goop Glue

INSTRUCTIONS: Cut four 14" wires. Form loop at the center of one wire. Holding the 4 wires together, twist center portion. Twist only enough to wrap around edge of stone. Apply Goop to edge of stone and wrap twisted wire around stone. Bring wires together under stone, keeping wires flat, tightly wrap wire around all wires. Separate wires into 2 groups of 4. Place wires side by side and bend to each side. Place four 4" wires against upper arm matching length of upper arm. Use masking tape to keep wires flat and together. Close to center of cross, wrap a ¼" band of wire around all 8 wires. Bend remaining wire down to form lower portion of cross. Repeat this step to make other side of cross. Just below center of cross, wrap a ¼" band of wire around the 8 wires. Separate the outside wire on each side of cross arm. Form spirals in outside wires. Wrap wire around the 6 remaining wires. Form spirals in outside wires. Continue in this manner. Make a total of 8 spirals and 4 wraps. Repeat this step to complete other cross arm and lower section of cross. Use jumpring to attach top loop of cross to cord.

Pink Cross Earrings

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Pink E beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, make basic cross on jig. Form loop in end of a ¾" wire. Thread on bead. Form loop in other end. Use bead unit to attach cross to ear wire.



Blue Cross Earrings

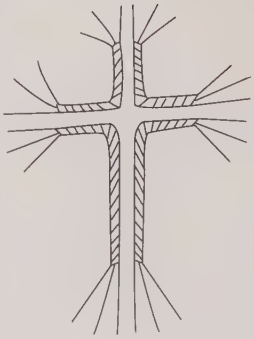
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Blue 4mm beads • 2 Silver fishhook ear wires • 2 Silver 4mm jumprings • Jig

INSTRUCTIONS: For each earring, twist two 7" pieces of wire. Shape cross on jig, do not make center spiral. Use wire to attach bead to center of cross. Attach cross to ear wire with jumpring.

Large Blue Bead Cross

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Blue 6mm bead

INSTRUCTIONS: For upper sections, twist three 3" pieces of wire together leaving 1" untwisted on each end. At exact center bend a right angle making an L shape. Make two. For lower sections, twist three 4" pieces of wire together leaving 1" untwisted on each end. Bend a right angle making one arm match the length of upper arm. Make two. Place sections together. Wrap wire around center to temporarily hold cross together. Add a 2" piece of wire to all four ends of cross in order to make a seventh spiral. Tightly wrap wire at end of each arm securing the extra piece of wire. Remove temporary wire at center of cross. Use wire to attach bead. Make 7 spirals at the end of each arm.



Hair Clips

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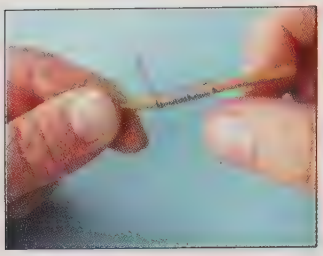
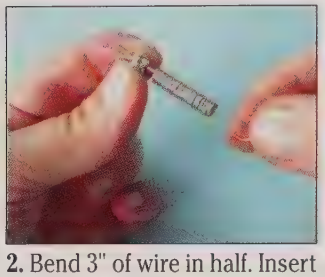
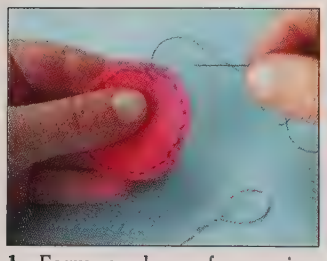


1. Hold dowel in one hand. Press thumb against wire and dowel. Use other hand to tightly wrap 7" of wire around dowel. Remove from dowel and cut off tails.



2. Bend 3" of wire in half. Insert in coiled wire. Thread bead on antenna. Form loop in ends of antenna.

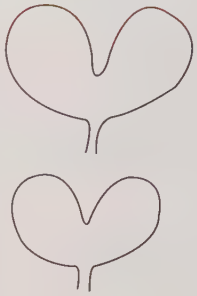
Cover Wire



1. Form a shape from wire. Twist wire ends together. Cut a circle or oval from nylon hose. Sew a running stitch around edge.

4. Stretch hose over wire shape. Pull thread to gather. Tie off.

Basic Butterfly



Shape upper and lower wings from 20 gauge wire. Cover each set of wings with a 1" x 2" piece of nylon hose. Place lower wings on top of upper wings matching bottom edges. Twist wire tails together. Fold wings out.

Butterfly Hair Pick

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 8 Crystal 3/16" rhinestones • 2 Silver 4mm beads • 2 Lime Green hair picks • Lime Green nylon hose • Goop Adhesive • Large skewer • Needle and thread •

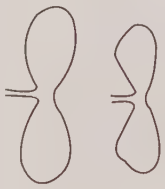
INSTRUCTIONS: Make wings for 2 butterflies following basic instructions. For body, wrap 7" of wire around skewer forming a coil. Fold 3" of wire in half and insert into coil. Thread on bead. Shape antenna. Form loops in wire ends. Glue butterflies to picks.

Butterfly Clip

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver 1¾" spring hair clip • Black 3mm bead • 4 Black seed beads • Silver 3mm beads • 4 Crystal 3mm rhinestones • Pink nylon hose • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: Secure wire on rounded end of clip. Thread Silver bead on wire. Wrap wire around edge of clip. Continue adding beads and wrapping wire until clip is covered. Make butterfly wings following basic instructions. For body thread 3mm Black bead and seed beads on 4" of wire. Wrap around center of wings. Bring wire ends together and twist. To make antenna, shape wire ends and form loops in each end. Glue butterfly to round end of clip.

Basic Dragonfly



Shape upper and lower wings from 20 gauge wire. Cover each set of wings with hose. Place lower wings on upper wings matching bottom edges. Twist wire tails together. Fold wings out. Wrap 3" of wire around skewer forming a coil. Fold a 2½" wire in half. Twist leaving ½" of wire untwisted on ends. Thread though coil. Thread on Silver bead. Shape untwisted wire into antenna. Form loop in ends or, leave bead off and shape wire ends into loops for antenna. Glue body to wings.

Dragonfly Comb

MATERIALS: 20 gauge wire • Silver 1¾" hair comb • 4 Crystal 3/16" rhinestones • White nylon hose • Large skewer • Goop Adhesive • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: For each scroll, form loose spirals in both ends of 3" piece of wire. Spiral wire in opposite directions. Use wire to attach 2 scrolls to comb top. Make dragonfly following basic instructions. To make antenna form 2 loops. Glue rhinestones to wings. Glue dragonfly to top.

Dragonfly Claw Clip

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Blue claw hair clip • Blue nylon hose •Goop Adhesive • Small skewer • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: Make dragonfly following basic instructions. Form loops for antenna. For wing decorations, form loose spirals in both ends of 1¼" and 1½" pieces of wire. Place on wings. Glue body to wings and coiled wires. Make 2 dragonflies. Glue one to each side of claw clip.

Dragonfly Clip

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver 1¾" spring hair clip • Pink and Green bugle beads • Silver 4mm bead • Green nylon hose • Small skewer • Goop Adhesive • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: Secure wire to round end of clip. Thread Pink bugle bead on wire. Wrap wire around edge of clip leaving bead on top of clip. Continue adding beads and wrapping wire until clip is covered. Make dragonfly following basic instructions. Use Silver bead for head. Sew 1 green bugle bead to each wing. Glue dragonfly to round end.

Bee Clip

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver 1¾" spring hair clip • 8 Yellow and 7 Black E beads • Black 6mm bead • White seed beads • White nylon hose • Goop Adhesive • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: Secure wire to round end of clip. Thread 3 seed beads on wire. Wrap wire around edge of clip placing the beads on top of clip. Continue wrapping wire and beads placing 9 rows of beads on each side and one row at point of clip. Secure wire. Center Black E bead on 14" of wire. Thread 2 Yellow E beads on left wire. Thread right wire through Yellow beads from the opposite side. Wire ends will pass each other inside beads. Continue in this manner following diagram. After last row of beads, bring wire together and thread on 6mm bead. Place Goop in bead to secure. Shape antenna and form loops in wire ends. To make wings, shape a circle from 6" of wire. Twist wire ends together. Shape circle into a figure eight. Cover with 1" x 2" oval of hose. Glue wings to back.

Flower Clip

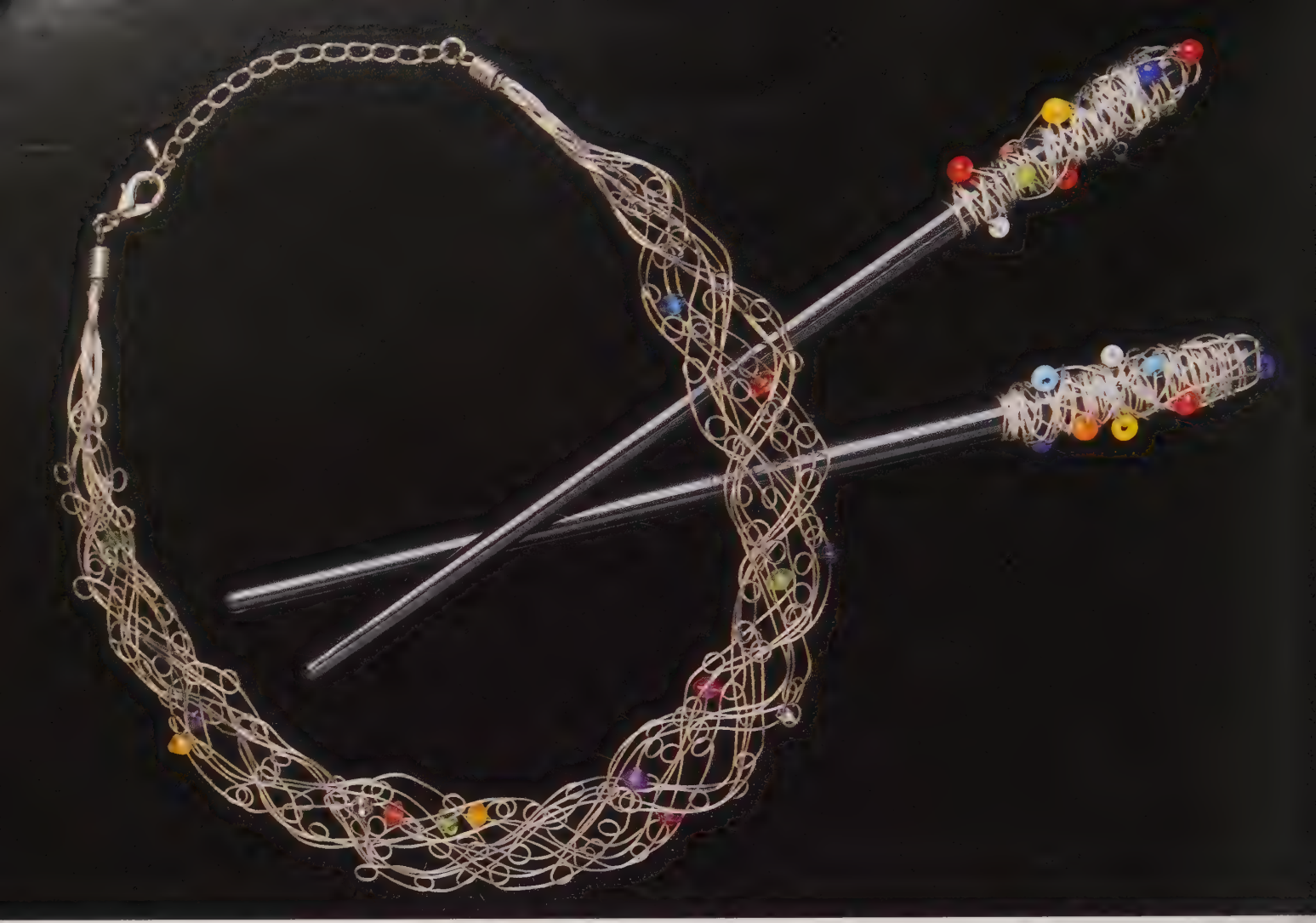
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver 1¾" spring hair clip • Gold E bead • Green rochaille beads • White and Green nylon hose • Goop Adhesive • Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach wire to round end of clip. Thread 3 rochaille beads on wire. Wrap wire around edge of clip leaving beads on top of clip. Continue adding beads and wrapping wire until one side of clip is covered. At pointed end of clip wrap 2 rows of 4 beads from one side of clip to the other. Thread wire through hole at end of clip 3 times adding one bead each time. Wrap other side of clip with wire and beads. Shape seven 5/8" ovals from wire. Cover 5 with White hose and 2 with Green hose. Stack White ovals. Twist wire tails together. Fold out petals. Glue Gold bead in flower center. Glue Green oval leaves to round end of clip. Glue flower over leaves.

Ladybug Barrette

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Silver 2" barrette • Black 10mm large hole bead • 6 Black seed beads • Black crochet thread • Pink nylon hose • Needle and thread • Goop Adhesive

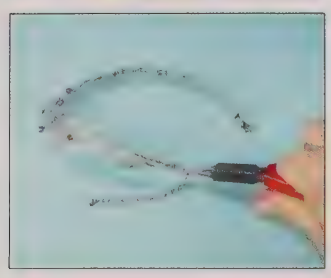
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 24" pieces of wire together. Form spiral at end. Remove barrette spring bar. Place coil on end of barrette. Tightly wrap wire around barrette. Form spiral on other end of barrette. Shape a ¾" wire oval. Cover with hose. Thread bead on wire tails and over gathered hose. Glue bead. Shape antenna. Form loop in ends. Glue Black thread down center. Sew seed beads to hose. Glue ladybug to barrette.



Necklace

1. Loop Wire - Cut twelve 24" pieces of 20 gauge wire. Thread 2 beads on each wire. Form 12 loops 1" apart adding beads in a random pattern. Place first loop on each wire 3" to 5" from one end so that loops and beads will be staggered when the 12 wires are put together. Tip: To make necklace fast and easy, make a jig with 12 nails 1" apart on a wood base.

2. Braid - Divide wires into 4 groups of 3 wires. Face loops in different directions. Braid wires. Begin with a tight braid and gradually loosen. Necklace should be widest at the center and taper toward ends. Flatten and shape necklace.



3. Closure - Trim ends leaving one wire ½" longer than the rest. Coil two 5" pieces of wire on ⅛" dowel. Thread coils on ends of necklace. Form loop in ½" wires. Use loops and jumprings to attach clasp and chain to necklace.

Wrap & Roll

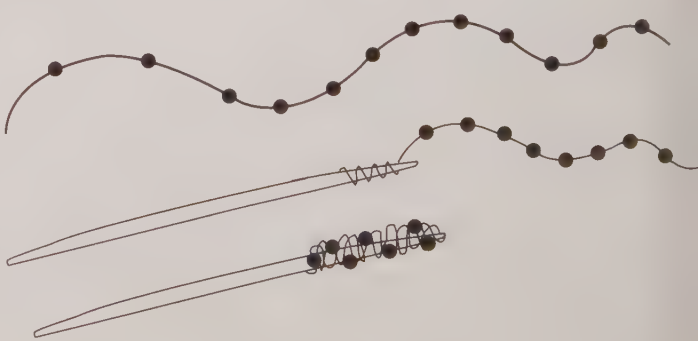
Twist & Twirl Necklace

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 24 rondelle beads • Silver lobster claw clasp • 2½" of Silver chain • ⅛" dowel • Two 6mm Silver Jumprings

Black Hair Pick

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 24 multi color E beads • 2 Black hair picks

INSTRUCTIONS: Do not cut wire from spool. For each pick, thread 12 beads on wire. Wrap end of wire tightly around pick to secure. Continue wrapping wire in a random pattern, overlapping previous wraps. Slide beads against pick every now and then. When wrap is as full as desired, cut wire and tuck under wrapped wire.

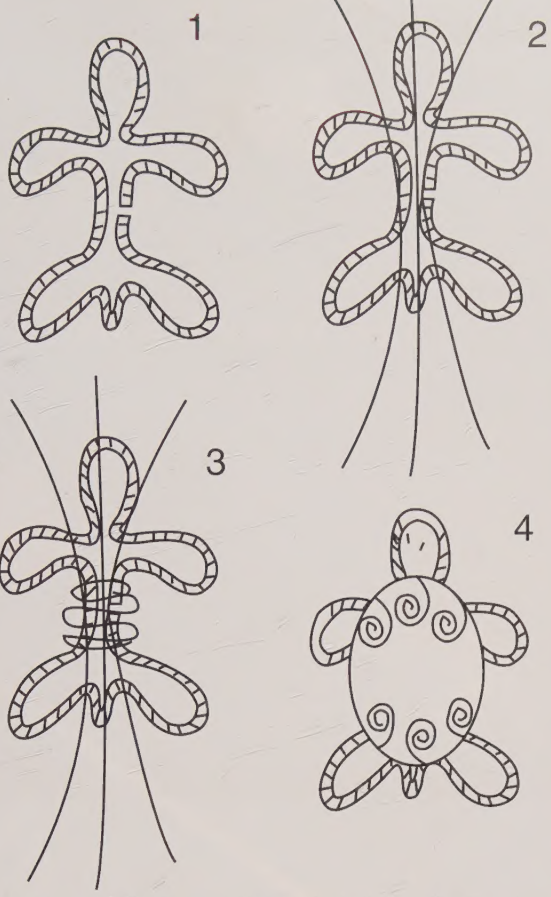


Critters

Turtle Pin

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 7/8" Green oval jewel • Tie tack pin • Goop Adhesive

INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 10" pieces of wire. Shape body. Make setting with three 4" pieces of wire. Attach setting to body. Set jewel. Bend spirals over edges of jewel. Glue tie tack to back of turtle.

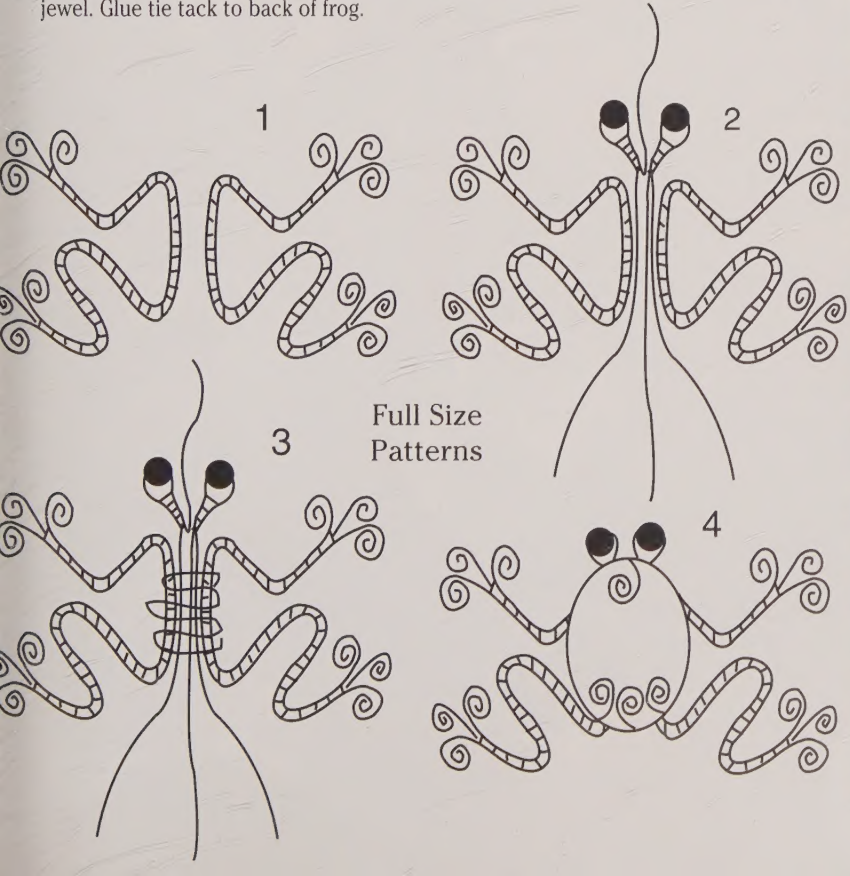


Full Size Patterns

Frog Pin

MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 1 3/4" Blue oval jewel • 2 Black 3mm beads • Tie tack pin • Goop Adhesive

INSTRUCTIONS: For each side of body, twist three 5 1/2" pieces of wire leaving 3/4" of wire untwisted at each end. Shape body. Form spiral on untwisted wires. Use three 4" pieces of wire to make setting. Form spiral in 4 wires on setting. Thread a bead on remaining 2 wires. Place bead at center of wire. Fold wire over and twist wire under bead. Secure setting to body pieces. Set jewel. Fold spirals and eyes over edge of jewel. Glue tie tack to back of frog.



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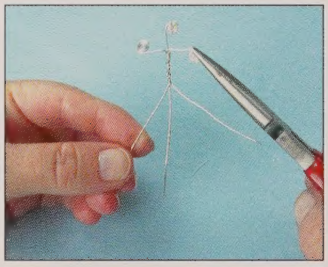
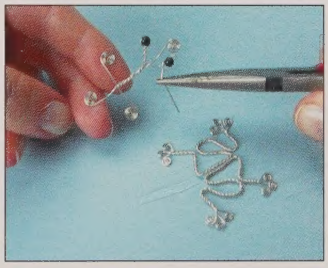
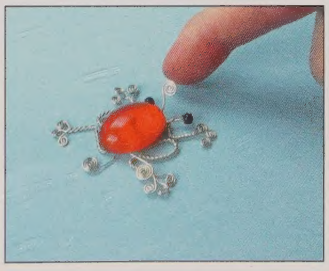


1. Form Body - Twist 3 wires together. Shape body.



2. Settings - Place three 4" pieces of wire side by side. Twist 1/2" in center of wires. Bend one wire straight out from each end. Bend 4 wires to the side at 90° angles. Form spiral in wire ends.



3. Place setting between body pieces. Wrap center with wire to secure. Place glue on back of stone. Center stone on setting. Bend coils over edges of stone. Glue tie tack to back of pin.

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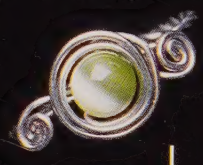
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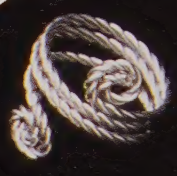
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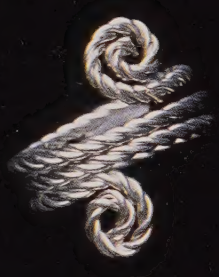
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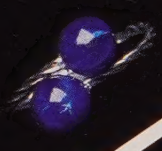
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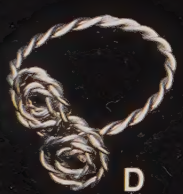
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Rings

A. Three Bead Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • One 6mm and two 4mm Blue beads
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 18" pieces of wire. Wrap around a marker 3 times. Make spiral on each end. Bend and center spirals over ring leaving 5/8" between spirals. Form loop in one end of 1 1/8" piece of wire. Use loop to attach wire to edge of one spiral. Thread on beads. Form loop in other end of wire and attach to second spiral.

B. Orange Beaded Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Orange 6mm bead • Goop Adhesive
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 5" pieces of wire leaving 1" untwisted on each end. Shape wire into a circle. Fan out 5 of the untwisted wires. Form spiral in ends. Bend 1 wire straight up. Cut short. Glue bead on wire.

C. Circle Top Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire
INSTRUCTIONS: Place two 3" pieces of wire and one 4" wire together with ends even at one end. Twist leaving the end of 4" wire untwisted. Shape twisted wire into a circle. Bring long wire up and form a tight spiral.

D. Loose Spiral Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist two 5" pieces of wire. Shape into circle. Form loose spiral on wire ends. Press spirals around each other interlocking them.

E. Green Dome Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Green 6mm bead
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist two 6" pieces of wire leaving 2" untwisted on each end. Shape twisted wire into a circle. Cut off one wire. Wrap 2 wires around each other and bend to each side. Cut off one wire. Bend remaining wire straight up. Thread on bead. Wrap wire around bead. Tuck wire end under edge. Cut remaining two wires to 1". Bend up under ring top. Form spirals facing opposite directions.

F. Multi Spiral Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 5" pieces of wire leaving 1" of wire untwisted at each end. Shape twisted wire into a circle. Form spiral on wire ends. Intermingle spirals.

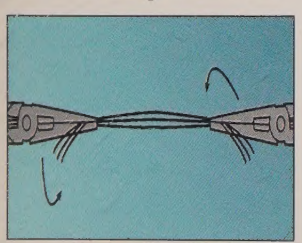
G. Red Star Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Red star pony bead • Goop Adhesive
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 5" pieces of wire. Shape into a circle. Thread both ends of wire through bead from opposite sides. Bend loop in each end of wire. Glue bead to secure.

H. Multi Color Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Assorted colors of seed beads
INSTRUCTIONS: Shape a spiral in end of an 8" wire. Wrap wire around a marker 3 times. Thread beads on wire. Shape spiral on other wire end.

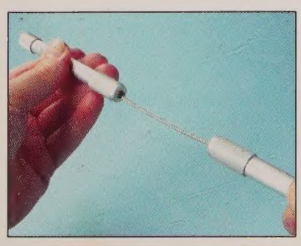
I. Green Bead Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • Green 10mm large hole bead
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 7" pieces of wire. Wrap around a marker twice. Thread bead on wire. Position bead so that both ends of wire are inside bead. Twist three 1 1/2" pieces of wire leaving 5/8" untwisted on each end. Form spirals in wires on one end. Thread through bead. Form spiral in wires on other end. Place glue inside bead to secure.

J. Spiral Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist three 10" pieces of wire. Wrap around a marker 3 times. Shape a tight spiral on each end of wire. Bend spirals at right angle.

K. Dark Blue Bead Ring
MATERIALS: Silver 20 gauge wire • 2 Dark Blue 6mm beads • Goop Adhesive
INSTRUCTIONS: Twist two 4" pieces of wire. Shape shank of ring. Cut wire ends even. Thread beads on wire ends and glue to secure.



1. Hold 2 or 3 wires together. Grasp both ends of wire with needle nose pliers. Twist in opposite directions.



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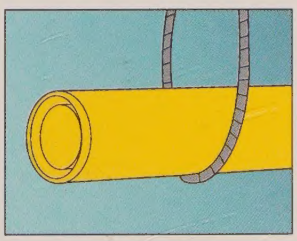

3. Bend wire around a marker or other round item to shape shank. Form top of ring.

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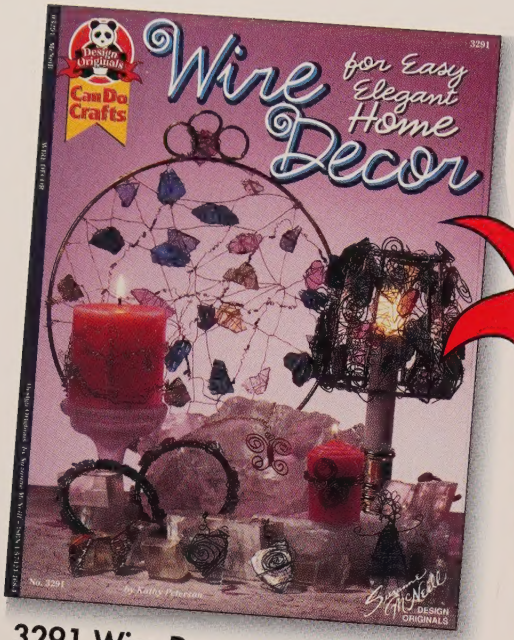

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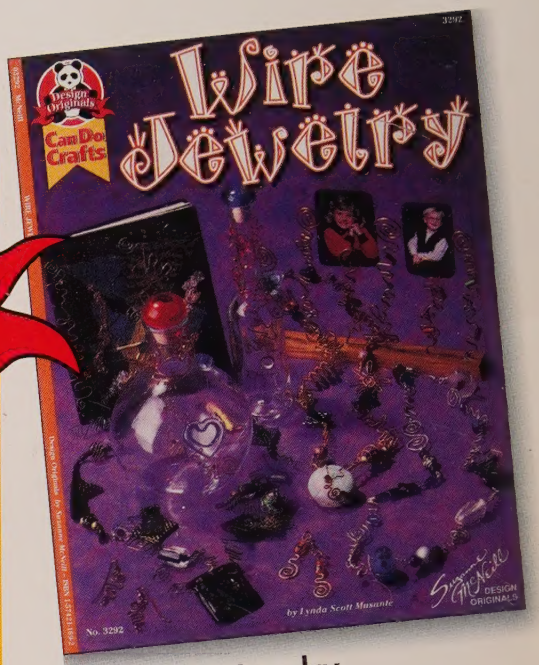

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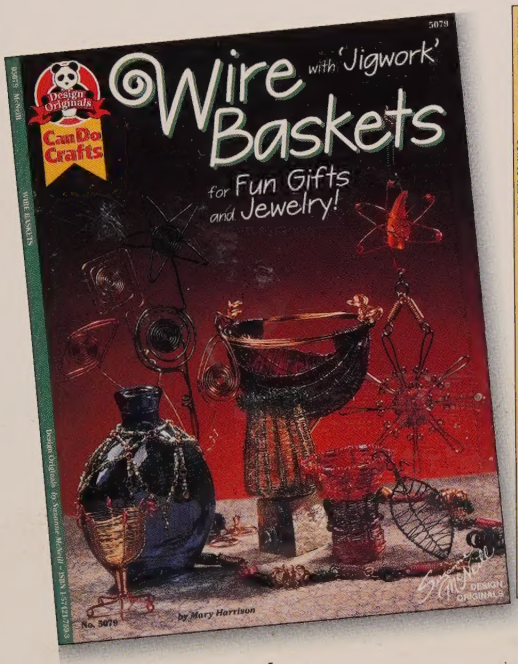

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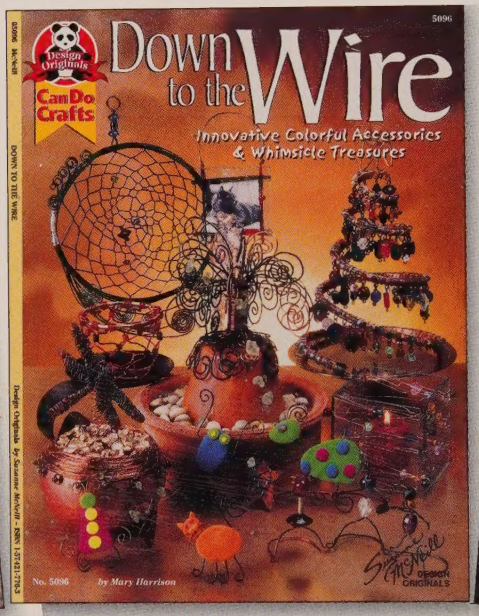

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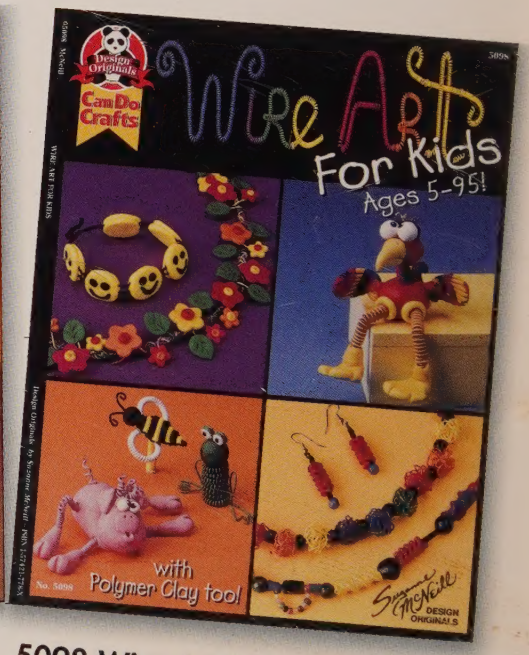

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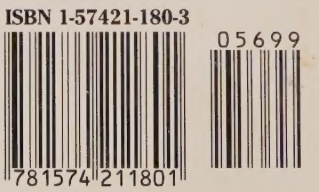

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